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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6811**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1155

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 1, 2013

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Mortgage Recording Fee.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Richardson

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**      **GENERAL**  
                                 **DEDICATED**  
                                 **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** Local

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill increases the fee to be collected for each mortgage on real estate that is recorded from \$3 to \$8. It requires the \$5 increase to be deposited in the County Surveyor's Corner Perpetuation fund.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2013.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:** *Summary:* This bill increases the mortgage recording fee from \$3 to \$8. This bill could potentially generate about \$1.5 M statewide in additional revenue beginning in FY 2014. The estimate is based on the median number of mortgage recording fees paid in the last four fiscal years.

The bill stipulates the additional revenue collected from the mortgage recording fee is deposited in the County Surveyor's Corner Perpetuation fund. Those funds are used by the county surveyor to place and maintain monuments marking corners used to delineate sections of land.

**Background Information** - County recorders assess a fee of \$3 for each mortgage recorded. County auditors

credit \$0.50 to the county recorder's Record Perpetuation Fund. The remaining \$2.50 of the fee is distributed to the Auditor of the State. The Auditor deposits half the amount collected in the state General Fund and half in the Homeowner Protection Unit Account on a semiannual basis.

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:** County auditors, recorders ,and surveyors.

**Information Sources:** LSA: *Indiana Handbook of Taxes, Revenues and Appropriations*, 2012.

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